(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have taken or propose to take any concrete steps to check thefts and pilferage of railway materials; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Taking necessary steps to check thefts on the Railawys is a continuous process and Railways have been escorting goods trains carrying valuable consignments as far as possible, organising beat patrolling and posting guards in yards and other vulnerable areas, conducting raids on receivers of stolen property on the basis of crime intelligence, deploying Dog Squads for patrolling and detection work etc.

Delicensing of Dairy Product Units

*172. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has sent a proposal to the Industry Ministry to quash the decision of delicensing of dairy product units; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the above proposal has been turned down; if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) and (b) Ministry of Agriculture in consultation with Ministry of Industry is assessing the impact on the dairy industry of the delicensing of the item "milk foods and malted foods". No final view has been taken.

*173. [*Transferred to 10th September, 1991*]

Recommendations of the National Labour Commission

*174. DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission on Rural Labour has submitted its report;

(b) if so, when and what are its main recommendations; and

(c) what is Governments reaction thereto and whether Government propose to implement some of the recommendation in the interest of the rural labour and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

The National Commission on Rural Labour has submitted its report on 31st July, 1991. Broadly, the Commission has under-lined two major goals to be achieved for rural labour namely improvement in their levels of living and ensuring their effective participation in the development process. To achieve this, further strengthening is emphasised *inter alia* in the areas of improvement of land base; broadening of agricultural growth, employment guarantee programme, infrastructure for rural industries, human resource development and basic needs, social security, organising the rural labour, effective public support etc.

2. Some of the major specific recommendations are as follows:

(i) Free and compulsory education for all children upto the age of 14 be ensured through the formal school system.